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The International Secretariat of OMCT has received new information on the following situation in **Indonesia/East Timor.**

Brief reminder of the situation :
The International Secretariat was informed by reliable sources of the disappearance of **Ildefonso de Deus dos Santos**, who is also known as **Maudino,** after the Gleno market fire.

According to the information received, **Ildefonso de Deus dos Santos**, a 17 year old student disappeared on 14 July 1996 in Gleno in the Ermera district of East Timor during the house to house raids conducted by the Indonesian soldiers following a fire at the Gleno market. The information further stated that according to his family, **Ildefonso de Deus dos Santos** was innocent and was not involved either in the fire or any clandestine activities.

The Indonesian authorities claimed in November 1996, that **Ildefonso de Deus dos Santos** was not detained but that he was "free, fit and well". It was believed that local authorities in Ermera had not responded to his family's regular appeals for help.

New information:
According to the new information received, **Ildefonso de Deus dos Santos** was detained for two weeks after his arrest in July and then released. However**, Ildefonso de Deus dos Santos,** went into hiding after his release as he feared for his safety. His family did not know that he was in hiding and it is believed that he is still in hiding today at a secret location.

The International Secretariat would like to thank all the members of the network and all other organizations and individuals for the action undertaken following our appeals.

Geneva, 2 June 1997.